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IF MARRIAGE IS A FAILURE—WHY?

A friend in California has sent us a little book with the above title. The author is a woman—a Mrs. S. D. Woods. It contains a good many plain truths and is worth the attention of all who contemplate marriage. She begins her subject by saying—

"It is not my intention to play the iconoclast in regard to marriage, but to show the shameful abuse of the sacred institution by stating a few hard, dry, plain, every-day facts. . . I have seen and heard things that have almost made the blood curdle in my veins, and my heart sick and sore. . . There is something wrong in the present system of marriage," but "marriage is all right; the trouble is with ourselves; we have made a mistake in the selection of partners. Marriage is a sacred, divine institution; a plant of God's own right-hand planting, and no power in the world can uproot or destroy it. Love and marriage are natural, and our lives are not complete without them, for love is the anchor to the soul; it is the garden spot in our lives, and there is where we gather the flowers of love, tenderness, joy, peace, harmony, and intuition of the soul. . . Marriage makes home, because home is where the heart is. Home, Mother and Heaven are three divine links.

"I now come more directly to the subject of marriage, and I ask the reader to kindly lay aside all prejudice, allow his thoughts free and unshackled liberty, and think for himself.

"When we look around and see the misery, unhappiness, quarrelling and fighting there is between men and their wives, does any suppose for one moment that God—who is love—had anything to do with joining such couples? . . . Does any one think God intended a man to enter the bosom of a family and take a sweet young girl from her home and treat her like a brute? . . . Will any one dare to say God joined couples where the husband beats, chokes and murders his wife? . . . They have complied with the law, and law says they are husband and wife, but no one with a grain of common sense or decency believes any such thing."

Here, after making some statements which we decline to give, she goes on—

"Marriage is the perfect blending of two perfect souls—Two souls with but a single thought; two hearts that beat as one,"—brought together by Infinite Love, Wisdom and Understanding, through the law of attraction, and no power can separate them. . . The legal ceremony, if performed by all the priests, ministers, or justices in the world, without love between the parties, is not marriage before God. . . If marriage is, as the law says, a civil contract between the parties who make it, what right has any third person—priest, minister, or justice—to do with it by performing the ceremony?

The Quakers.

"There is not a better class of people in the world than the Quakers, and they marry themselves by vow or contract. In England, they suffered great persecution for this privilege of freedom; refined, cultured, pure-souled and delicately sensitive women were dragged through the streets, cast into prisons with the lowest wretches who jeered, sneered and taunted them with the vilest insinuations and most abusive language, because they would not submit to be legally married. During the persecutions, George Fox, a leader among

the Quakers, and a most devoutly religious man, was summoned before the British Parliament to answer why his people and followers would not obey the laws of England in regard to marriage. He fought the case and won the day of the right to marry themselves without the interference of law, or any third person. The Quakers are divinely united by Infinite Love, Peace and Wisdom, and they live in peace as all do whom God joins. No one ever heard of a divorce among Quakers. No one ever heard of a Quaker being in an almshouse, or in a prison for crime."

Here we close our review, but may give further extracts in a future number of "The Basket."

The Better Way—Is it?—A gentleman who had a little daughter of a very inquisitive turn of mind invited a friend to dine with him. It chanced that the friend had just been divorced from his wife, and little Annie, who had heard something about it, was curious to know more, and asked, "Why didn't you bring your wife with you, Mr. Todd?" as they were all seated at the table. The guest blushed and stammered, and said that he hadn't any wife now. Then Annie, in spite of admonitory scowls from her papa and mamma, continued, "What did you get divorced from her for?" "Well, Annie," said he, "don't you think it is better, when two people can't live happily together, that they should separate?" "No, I don't," said the child; "I think it is better to fight it out. That's the way my papa and mamma do!"

Boston Journal.

Is the population of Haddonfield increasing? Well, we should say "Yes, certainly." One of our physicians recently said to us that he had not been in bed for several days or nights, having had six women under his care, and that the product of the six women was seven babies, all in one week! Since then, we have heard of another "happy father" of twins. Phew!

Mrs. Pres. Harrison has been elected President of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This association has been organized for the purpose of looking up and taking care of the places made memorable in the "times that tried mens' souls," (as well as their bodies,) such as Red Bank, Valley Forge, etc. A large handsome engraving (about 2 by 3 feet) of the latter place and its surroundings, has been recently published.

And, so, there are two Presidents in the White House.

Black Beauty

Is a charming little Book, in which a Horse tells the story of his Life from Childhood to Horsehood; about the different masters he had, and how they and their grooms treated him; relates what other horses told him, and some of their stories are pathetic, owing to hard usage and cruel treatment. Everybody that loves Horses will be delighted with this book. Many thousands have been sold. We have a few copies at 30 cents for one edition and 15 cents for an inferior edition. It contains 200 pages, 12mo., and if sent by mail 5 cts. must be added for postage. It is sometimes called the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" of the Horse.

Ink,

BLACK, of a superior quality, made and sold at this office, at 5 and 10 cts. for small bottles; pints 50. and quarts 50 cts. Larger quantities as agreed upon. Does not corrode the pen, or get thick or sticky. Free from sediment; suitable for all pens, including Fountain. Also, a very fine and brilliant RED INK.

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Historical Sketch of Haddonfield, by Judge John Clement, for sale at the office of the Basket; very interesting. Price 10 cts.

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Borough Commissioners meet in the Town Hall on the 2nd Wednesday evening in each month. They are J. Morris Roberts, Chas. H. Hillman, Sam'l C. A. Clement, Sam'l C. Paris, W. J. Boning, Com. of Appeal—John D. Lippincott, Geo. D. Stuart, Abel Hillman, Wm. J. Boning, Pres.; Chas. H. Hillman, Treas. Public invited to come.

The Board of Managers of the Free Reading Room Association meets every 3d Monday in each month. J. L. PENNYPACKER, Sec.

The Womens' Christian Temperance Union of this town meets every Tuesday afternoon in Wilkins' Hall, at 4 o'clock.

THE FOURTH YEAR.

The present number of "The Basket," is the 1st of another 6 months, and entrance on its Fourth year.

Rev. Mr. Gressimer, minister of the Baptist church, who had a call from a church in Newark, we are pleased to learn, has decided to remain in Haddonfield.

T. G. Van Hart, who has been several years leader of the choir in the Methodist church in Haddonfield, has not decided, yet, as to the talk of his moving to Camden.

Wm. C. Nicholson has been elected a Director of the National Bank, of Haddonfield.

Thomas Caldwell, Sr., father of Mrs. David Roe, died on Sunday of last week, aged 76 years. Funeral services at the house of Mr. Roe. Interment at Laurel Hill.

"The Tribune," published by Wm. G. Taylor, Haddonfield, gave us a complimentary notice a week or two ago, and we respond by saying he publishes an interesting big paper and we a little one, and there is no conflict. It is known that when two pugnacious persons of about the same size and calibre meet, they are apt to boast of their prowess, and so get into trouble. But where one is a little fellow and the other a giant, it would be folly to resort to fistieuffs. Mr. T. and his boys have a big job on hand. We wish them success, as we do for every one who engages in a business enterprise, if a proper one.

[The following comes to us anonymously. No one should send a communication to a newspaper without accompanying it with a responsible name—not to have the name published, but as an evidence of good faith.]

The following resolutions of respect were adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Managers of the Haddon Athenaeum.

Whereas, This Board has learned with regret of the death of our fellow-member, D. G. BARNARD:

Therefore, be it—

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Barnard, we have lost one of our most active and valuable members.

Resolved, That his bereaved widow has our sincere sympathy.

Resolved, That we attend the Funeral of the deceased in a body.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be placed upon the minutes of the Board, and that a copy of them be presented to the family of the deceased, and to each of the Haddonfield papers for publication.

For a Christmas Present,

There can be nothing nicer or more appropriate than Talmage's new book, "From Manger to Throne." But it must be ordered in time, for the demand is so great that the book cannot be delivered till several weeks after the order is given. We are taking subscriptions. Price, \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5.50, and \$10, according to binding.

The Methodists of Haddonfield voted on the question of admitting women to the General Conference, which meets every 4 years. The vote was 4 for and 31 against.

In Camden, 5 churches voted for, and 5 against, but the whole vote gave a majority of 53 against, with one church to be heard from, which would likely go against.

Of other south Jersey churches, Glassboro gave 8 for and 46 against. Clayton, 10 for, 21 against. Woodbury, 6 for, 22 against. Franklinville, 3 for, 13 against. Monroe, 2 for, none against. The four churches in Bridgeton, three in Millville, and one at Cape May, all voted against the measure. The only people who seem to have lost their heads in this matter, was at some benighted place called Elmer, where it is said they voted 28 for, and 11 against. How would it do for the restless women who are so anxious for notoriety, to inaugurate a General Conference of their own, and appoint women preachers to such congregations as desire to have them?

In 17 of the 20 Methodist churches in Washington, the vote was light, less than 1000—being 375 for, and 428 against. Majority against, 53.

One church in Cincinnati, gave 33 for and 18 against.

In 13 churches in different parts of the country, as given by the Christian Advocate, there was 383 for, and 521 against. Majority against, 141.

A boy, 11 years old, accidentally shot and wounded his 9 year old brother, at Bridgeton, while "playing" with revolver. Queer plaything for children.

Another.—A boy at Bordentown, 12 years old, "accidentally" shot another boy, who may die, as the ball struck near the heart. They were practising with a rifle.

A child, 7 years old, in West Virginia, took down his father's rifle, when his 5 year old sister said, "I'll tell your papa," and he leveled the gun at her, shooting her in the forehead, and instantly killing her. He had threatened before to kill her for telling about him.

THE ELECTIONS.—At the time our paper goes to press we have but little information about the result of elections. Philadelphia goes Republican, but, taking the whole State of Pa., it looks as if Pattison, Democrat, had been elected Governor. New York city, Democratic.

J. N. Hoffman was shot and killed by John Cruz, who took him for a deer, while hunting in the woods, near Dorchester, last Saturday.

Wm. Walter Phelps, Minister to Germany, paid a visit to President Harrison last Friday.

The first inmate of the Methodist Home for the aged, etc., in Camden, died Aug. 27, aged 83 years.

A little 6-year old daughter of Wm. Cramer, of Millville, while throwing leaves on a fire, fell into it, and was so terribly burnt that she died in a few days after.

And now the noble Knights of Tabor are making war on the poor colored hands, waitmen, &c., employed by the Houston and Texas R. R. Co., and den and their dismissal—as if nobody should be allowed to live by earning their bread and butter but themselves.—A selfish set.

All the 16 Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church were in Washington on Friday last, and dined with Mrs. John A. Logan, and on the following day, by invitation, were to call on the President.

Talmage's From MANGER to THRONE with Biography of Jesus Christ, and History of Bible Lands, with description of Dr. Talmage's journey to, thro' and from the Holy Land, etc.

Having secured the exclusive Agency of the above-named grand and deeply interesting work, for Haddonfield and Haddon Township, I am prepared to take subscriptions for it. It will contain about 600 large pages, with 400 handsome illustrations of places and scenery in Palestine, and a grand Panorama of Jerusalem, ten feet in length, and in ten colors. "on the day of the crucifixion." It is useless to speak of Dr. Talmage as a superb writer and speaker, as he is well known by his sermons as published in numerous newspapers throughout the United States. The price of this splendid book of absorbing interest, is \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5.50 and \$10, according to binding.